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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD

SUBJECT: THE TARIFF WORKING HYPOTHESIS

FOR: AMBASSADOR HINTON FROM AMBASSADOR STRAUSS

1. SUGGEST YOU DELIVER THE FOLLOWING PERSONAL LETTER FROM
AMBASSADOR STRAUSS TO VICE PRESIDENT HAFERKAMP ASAP.

2. BEGIN TEXT

DEAR WILLIE:

I HASTEN TO ADVISE YOU THAT THE MEETING WHICH I RECENTLY
CHAired WITH MEMBERS OF THE CABINET AND LEADERS OF OUR
STEEL INDUSTRY SEEMS TO HAVE TEMPORARILY EASED THE PROBLEM
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IN THIS AREA. WE HAVE CONVINCED THE STEEL INDUSTRY NOT TO
SEEK QUANTITATIVE RESTRAINTS. WITH CLOSE COOPERATION
BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE EC, I AM HOPEFUL THAT A SATISFAC-
TORY SOLUTION CAN BE FOUND TO THE PROBLEMS OF THIS INDUSTRY.

I UNDERSTAND THAT ON OCTOBER 18 THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES WILL TAKE UP THE ISSUE OF THE

TARIFF PLAN WHICH THE TWO OF US DEVELOPED DURING MY LAST VISIT TO BRUSSELS. I WAS DELIGHTED TO LEARN THAT YOU WILL

MAKE THE PRESENTATION TO THE COUNCIL, AND I FEEL CONFIDENT THAT YOU WILL HANDLE THIS ISSUE IN A WAY THAT WILL ALLOW THE TARIFF WORK IN THE MTN TO GO FORWARD. WE MUST ACHIEVE INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT ON A TARIFF PLAN BEFORE THE END OF THE MONTH.

I HAVE FRANKLY BECOME INCREASINGLY MORE CONCERNED ABOUT THE IMPACT OF CONTINUING UNCERTAINTY IN THE TARIFF AREA ON THE CREDIBILITY OF THE TIMETABLE, AND ON THE CREDIBILITY OF THE MTN ITSELF. BUSINESS CONFIDENCE IS LOW IN ALL OF OUR COUNTRIES, AND CONTINUING UNCERTAINTY ON MAJOR TRADE ISSUES SUCH AS TARIFFS, TEXTILES AND STEEL IS GENERATING WIDESPREAD PRESSURE FOR UNILATERAL ACTIONS BY THE UNITED STATES.

I AM FINDING IT INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT TO EXPLAIN OUR TA AGREEMENT TO THE PRESIDENT, TO THE CONGRESS AND TO CHIEF EXECUTIVES OF U.S. INDUSTRIES AND LABOR UNIONS. I AM CONCERNED THAT OUR AGREEMENT WILL SOON BECOME MORE OF A LIABILITY THAN AN ASSET.

I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN A FEW WEEKS. HELEN IS ASSUMING THAT RENE WILL ACCOMPANY YOU, AND WE CONFIDENTIAL

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ARE PLANNING A SOCIAL EVENING WITH THAT IN MIND.

SINCERELY,

(SIGN BOB)
ROBERT S. STRAUSS
SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE
FOR TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

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